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SUBJECT: GENEVA GROUP WORKING PARTY ON LONG TERM PLANNING

(BERTRAND REPORT)

REF: STATE 261236

1. WORKING GROUP MEETING ON NOVEMBER 27 WITH BERTRAND
WHO REPLIED US QUESTIONS AS FOLLOWS:

2. BERTRAND FEELS THE ANALYSES AND RESPONSE CONTAINED
IN ACC REPORT (A/CN.1/R.816) (PREP COM DRAFT WHICH HAS BEEN
APPROVED BY ACC SENT IO/CORDS (FOX) %6.-8)) IS GENERALLY
ENCOURAGING AND POSITIVE BUT CONTAINS SOME SERIOUS
MISUNDERSTANDINGS. IT IS FAR SUPERIOR IN APPROACH
AND TONE TO ILO COMMENTS (GB.194/PFA/6/16) WHICH, HE
SAID, BLANCHARD HAS NOW WITHDRAWN IN FAVOR OF ACC
REPORT. BERTRAND DESCRIBED ACC RESPONSES TO HIS
REPORT'S SPECIFIC RECOMMENDATIONS AS FOLLOWS:
RECOMMENDATION I (POSITIVE); RECOMMENDATIONS II, III(1)
AND IV NEGATIVE AND BASED MISUNDERSTANDINGS V
(POSITIVE), VII (ACCEPTED), THE OTHERS NOT ANSWERED
OR FULLY DEALT WITH.

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3. BERTRAND WOULD LIKE HIS REPORT TO BE A WORKING PAPER FOR 7TH SPECIAL SESSION BUT WOULD DEPEND ON GOVERNMENTS (GENEVA GROUP) TO BRING THIS ABOUT.

4. (A) FINDINGS OF UNDP WORKING GROUP CONSISTENT WITH BERTRAND REPORT AS INDICATED PARA 16 OF ACC SUMMARY.

(B) WOULD BE HAPPY HAVE HIS REPORT TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT IN REVIEW AND APPRAISAL EXERCISE. BELIEVES HIS RECOMMENDED CONCEPT WOULD ALLOW MORE MEANINGFUL REVIEW AND APPRAISAL IN DD III.

(C) REPORT CONSISTENT WITH CORE ABOUT WHICH HE WANTS TO LEARN MORE AND WILL SHORTLY REVIEW.

5. ACTUALLY THERE SHOULD BE NO SIGNIFICANT COST INCREASES IF HIS REPORT IMPLEMENTED IN A RATIONAL MANNER. IDEALLY WOULD INVOLVE RE-CONVERSION OF EXISTING PROCESS AND MACHINERY RATHER THAN ADD ON. HOWEVER ON BASIS EXPERIENCE WITH UN AND SAS THIS PROBABLY IMPOSSIBLE TO ACHIEVE AND SOME, RELATIVELY MODEST, ADDITIONAL EXPENSES UNAVOIDABLE.

6. RECOMMENDATIONS WOULD REDUCE AUTONOMY ONLY TO THE EXTENT OF BRINGING ABOUT A MORE ORDERLY PROCEDURE. AGENCIES WOULD STILL BE FULLY ANSWERABLE TO GOVERNING BODIES ON BASIS OF CHARTERS.

7. BERTRAND NOT AGREE THAT HIS REPORT IS CENTRALIZING.

8. BERTRAND ALSO EXPRESSED HOPE THAT HIS REPORT COULD BE CONSIDERED BY A SMALL BODY OF GOVERNMENTS SUCH AS CPC BEFORE BEING THROWN INTO ECOSOC. SUGGESTED GENEVA GROUP COUNTRIES MIGHT WISH ENDEAVOR HAVE ECOSOC DECIDE CPC SHOULD STUDY REPORT IN ADDITION TO BUDGET.DALE

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